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Newsletter

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Dear Residents,

Council and I hope you are enduring the Winter weather well. The weather conditions over the last couple of months have been trying for all of us. The Service Department has done a great job keeping the roads clear of ice and snow. Under the leadership of our Service Director, Sam Scaffide, the planning done last summer was certainly very prudent. The purchase of new equipment, repairs to the older trucks, hiring of part-time snow plow drivers and adequately estimating the amount of salt the Village needed, has allowed us to keep up with the unrelenting storms and adverse conditions. We are all hoping that the winter weather will soon be behind us and we will welcome spring soon.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

Speaking of Spring, we are planning for many projects around the Village for continued enhancements to our community. The Village will be making improvements to the Pettibone Road "S" curve, paving roads in the Pergl Road subdivision and making improvements to the various entranceways. More details on these projects will be available soon.

Once again, the Village has contracted with Lifeline Systems for 15 monthly services for our senior citizen residents. This service allows for residents to call for assistance with the push of a button worn around your neck or as a bracelet. If you or a neighbor can benefit from this service, please call Lori at Village Hall.

The Village welcomed our new Council member, Gurvis Smith who was sworn in on January 2, 2014 with the Mayor and returning council members. Mr. Smith replaces Joe Barber, who recently moved. Mayor and Council appointed former Council Member, Jerald Hoover to the Planning Commission replacing Bill Divis, who retired after 32 years of service to the Village.

As always, if you have any questions about our Village, please give me a call.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

Council News

Council members were sworn in for their new terms of office on January 2, 2014, by Bedford Municipal Court Judge Brian Melling. Each council member was elected in November and will serve a two-year term through December 31, 2015.

At their first meeting, Council members were assigned to various committees who consider and deliberate on issues facing the Village.

For 2014, Council Committees are:

Budget/Finance: Eric Johnson, Chair; Don Banas, and Jeff Adie.

Personnel: Jeff Adie, Chair; Don Banas and John Baca.

Safety: John Baca, Chair; Eric Johnson and Gurvis Smith.

Infrastructure/Capital Improvements: Don Banas, Chair; Eric Johnson and Larry Sylver.

Building/Housing: Gurvis Smith, Chair; Larry Sylver and John Baca.

Recreation: Larry Sylver, Chair; Jeff Adie and Gurvis Smith.

Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Check the website for meeting updates.

Severe Weather Safety Tips

From the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management:

To encourage Americans to prepare for weather emergencies, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have designated the week of March 2nd through March 8th, as National Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

If a weather disaster strikes, safety forces may not be able to assist you for hours or even days. Taking some simple steps now can help you and your family make it through the immediate aftermath of a severe weather event.

Becoming informed is one of the first things you should do. Try to learn as much as you can about severe weather and how you might be able to respond. Good plans are based on good information, and when people understand the situation they usually respond in appropriate ways.

A great way to receive up-to-the-minute weather warnings and updates is to purchase a NOAA weather radio. Get one with a tone alarm that can alert you when severe weather warnings are issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).

Take some time to learn how to protect yourself from deadly weather. Lots of organizations provide weather safety tips on their web sites, including the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management www.ready.cuyahogacounty.us ; FEMA www.ready.gov ; and the American Red Cross www.redcross.org .

The right information can keep you safe in the worst weather. For instance, information from previous storms can help you decide where and how to take shelter.

Putting together a disaster supply kit is another recommended activity. Your kit should contain essential items like non-perishable food, water, extra flashlights and batteries, first aid supplies, duct tape, blankets, plastic sheeting or bags, and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio. Complete lists of suggested items can be found on emergency management web sites

Finally, make plans for communicating with all family members, as you might not be together when a disaster strikes. Also, have a plan for where you will go if you have to evacuate your home or neighborhood.

For more information on severe weather safety, visit the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management's web site at www.cuyahogacounty.us or contact the Office of Emergency Management at 216-443-5700 or at ema@cuyahogacounty.us

Register in March for Summer Day Camp at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

The cold may still be lingering in Northeast Ohio, but summer is just around the corner and it's not too early to start thinking about signing your kids up for Summer Day Camp at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo!

Registration begins March 15th for the general public. The Zoo's Summer Day Camp runs from June 9th through August 15th in different week-long sessions, each focusing on a new theme. The sessions are available in half-day (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and full-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) increments.

The Zoo's Summer Day Camp is geared for children ages 5-14; with a special new half-day Nature Play Camp for kids ages 3-4. Campers are grouped according to age to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment. The camp creates compelling experiences that connect children with wildlife and inspire personal responsibility for conserving the natural world. Campers participate in fun and educational activities with experienced camp counselors while learning about wildlife and the environment.

Older campers in the 11-12 age group learn about wildlife biology while exploring the Zoo and the Brookside Reservation, while young teens ages 13-14 take part in "Counselor-in-training" camp to develop their leadership skills by working alongside the Zoo's Day Camp staff, partnering with the Zoo Crew teens and participating in team building activities.

Another option for those in the 11-14 age group is Emerald Necklace Camp -- a day camp sampler of the entire Cleveland Metroparks. Campers explore the Zoo and take field trips to other areas of the Park District to hike, canoe, learn the basics of golf and more.

Space is limited, so register early to avoid being shut out. Registration is available online at clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo.

Northeast Ohio's most-visited year-round attraction, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Through March 31, admission is discounted to \$8.25 per person, \$5.25 for kids ages 2 to 11 and is free for children younger than 2 and Zoo members. Parking is free. Residents of Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township enjoy free Zoo admission on Mondays. Located at 3900 Wildlife Way, the Zoo is easily accessible from Interstates 71, 90 and 480.

For more information, visit clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo or call (216) 661-6500.

BUSINESS NEWS



The Village had some good and bad business news in the last six months. The good news is that we have three new businesses locating in Glenwillow: **Glazer's, Wine Direct, Inc. and Edward's Vacuum**. In the last few weeks, we were informed that one of our existing company's, **DOTS**, filed bankruptcy and will be closing all its stores and the headquarters on Emerald Valley Parkway. However, the good news is that the owner of the building, Premier Development Corporation, has already had interest from other businesses about the building. Here is some information about our new companies:



The Hammer Company – also known as Glazer's

Glazer's, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, will be occupying the old Best Buy building at 7800 Cochran Road. They are one of the largest distributors of wine, beer and spirituous beverages in the country with operations in 14 states. The company plans to use the entire 200,000 sq. ft. building, which will allow them to expand their warehouse and distribution centers. The company will employ 150 people at the site when it is fully operational this spring.



Wine Direct, Inc.

This company will be leasing the multi-tenant building at 7900 Cochran Road. The company is headquartered in Napa Valley, CA, and is a distributor of wine throughout the country. They service restaurants and wine clubs, as well and individuals who purchase wine from the Internet. Wine Direct will be distributing wine from the Glenwillow location to areas east of the Mississippi River. The company should be operational early this spring.



Edwards Vacuum

Edwards Vacuum, a manufacturer of sophisticated high vacuum pump products and abatement systems, signed a lease to begin operations in the multi-tenant building at 7905 Cochran Road. The company is currently located in Strongsville and will be relocating between 30 and 35 employees to Glenwillow early this spring. Help us welcome Edwards Vacuum and their employees to the Village.

SPRING- BRANCH CHIPPING - MAY 19, 2014

The Village will be offering a **FREE** curbside branch chipping collection to residents through Empire Tree Service on **MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014**

Please have your tree trimming set out no later than 8:00 am on Monday morning. If the collection is not completed on Monday, pick-up will resume on Tuesday.

REQUIREMENTS

- No Stumps
- No Roots
- No Foreign Matter
- Nothing Larger than 7" in diameter
- Cut "Y" shaped branches in Two
- No Firewood – No Logs less than 4 feet long
- Separate small from large branches
- Place "cut ends" of branches towards the road.

For more information, please contact Service Director Sam Scaffide at 440-232-8788 Ext. 116 or Daryl Schultz at Ex. 119.

FREE MULCH PROGRAM

Once again Republic Services, the Village's waste hauler, will be generously donating free mulch for residents' yards this spring. The mulch will be available in May. Each resident will receive up to 1 ½ yards of mulch to spread in landscaped areas of their yard.

To reserve your mulch, please call or email

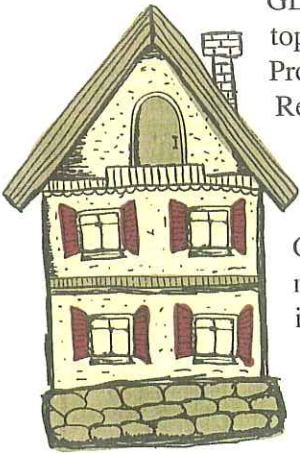
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The VILLAGE of GLENWILLOW CONTINUES THE HERITAGE HOME PROGRAMS' in 2014



GLENWILLOW: The Village of Glenwillow is proud to announce that it has chosen to participate in the Heritage Home Program for the 2014 calendar year. The Heritage Home Program is a specialized house maintenance and rehab program administered by the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) for owners of homes that are 50 years old and older.

The most important feature of the Heritage Home Program is that it offers free technical assistance and advice to the owners of houses that are over 50 years old. An employee of Cleveland Restoration Society will come out and visit the house and evaluate the types of repairs that are necessary and appropriate for the house. The CRS employee will help identify the proper materials to be used for repairs and replacements that will be consistent with the architecture and style of the home.

CRS will also provide advice and assistance to homeowners who want to build an addition on to their house. CRS will suggest the proper materials and colors so that the addition will enhance the house rather than detract from it.

The free technical assistance and advice offered by the Heritage Home Program is completely impartial and independent. CRS does not have any products or services that it sells to the homeowners and does not charge the homeowner for the advice. Sometimes CRS may advise the homeowner that replacement products being recommended by salesmen or contractors are not necessary and that simple repairs are all that are needed.

CRS does not act as contractor on any project but CRS can provide a homeowner with a list of contractors that do the type of work that the homeowner needs. CRS can also review contractor bids and advise the homeowner about the bids.

Under this Program CRS has provided technical advice and assistance to over 5,800 homeowners in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio on projects having a value of over \$125 Million.

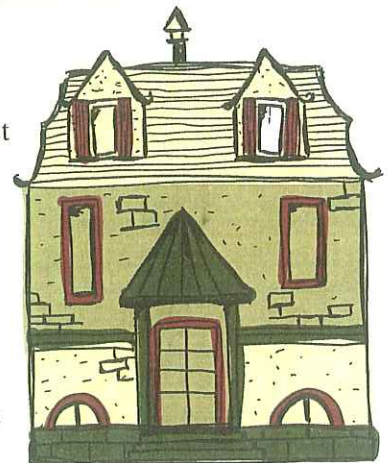
Loan Program for owners of homes more than 50 years old in participating communities. The banks and Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) are valuable partners with a history of serving Cuyahoga County's housing needs. CRS's highly qualified staff can help homeowners choose the work to be done, and hire qualified contractors, to preserve the historic character of their homes, keep them in good repair, and improve them to serve today's needs."

Under the program 1046 homeowners have used the Heritage Home Loan Program to reinvest over \$38,500,000 in their homes to date.

The Heritage Home Loan is based on the equity in the house determined on an After-Rehabilitation basis. There are no income guidelines, but homeowners have to meet the bank's standard credit evaluation to obtain a loan. There are no out-of-pocket cost for the loan, no closing costs and no points. The interest from the loan is also tax deductible.

If you are interested in finding out more information on the program contact the Heritage Home Program at (216) 426-3106 or visit www.heritagehomeprogram.org

Cleveland Restoration Society is the region's largest non-profit preservation organization and is a Local Partner affiliate of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Founded in 1972, CRS is dedicated to the revitalization of our older neighborhoods and the preservation of Greater Cleveland's architectural resources. To learn more about CRS, visit www.clevelandrestoration.org.



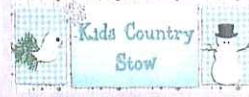
COPS CORNER



SHOP WITH A COP "2013" WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Glenwillow Police Department, along with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #67, would like to thank all of the wonderful people who helped sponsor this special event. With your generous support, our Police Department was able to sponsor six children from our community along with purchasing additional gifts for other children in the Village. The opportunity with the children was an emotional and rewarding experience for the officers involved, as well as a positive learning experience for the children.

SPECIAL thanks go out to:



and Glenwillow residents Jerald & Laurie Hoover

Boost Ohio's Kids

Ohio's child passenger law changed in 2009 to better protect children on Ohio's roadways. The change requires that children under 8 years old must be properly restrained in a booster seat or other appropriate car seat unless they are 4'9" or taller. Booster seats should always be used with a lap and shoulder belt. Let's keep our children safe!

REMINDER... From the Police Department, there is no parking on any residential street. When it is snowing and the Service Department needs to clear the roads, it is imperative that they can get through each street. If you are having a party or a special event at your home, please remember to contact the Police Department for parking permission.

Springtime Tips for Healthy Soil

Spring is right around the corner! As you prepare to tackle your lawn, garden and landscape beds this season, keep in mind the health of our watershed and environment. The key to a lush lawn and vibrant plants is healthy soil. Did you know that a teaspoon of healthy soil contains as many as four billion beneficial microorganisms? Composting, mulching, and using the right fertilizers are simple things you can do on your own to promote healthy soil and clean water.

- Composting allows you to recycle the nutrients found within your kitchen scraps (e.g., vegetable trimmings, fruit skins, egg shells), as well as in your yard waste, which reduces the chance for debris washing into local streams. Furthermore, making and utilizing your own compost can reduce your dependency of using chemical fertilizers.
- Mulch feeds the soil, conserves water, and prevents weed growth. Add a layer of organic material such as leaves, wood chips, compost or grass clippings around your plants this spring, being sure to keep it about an inch away from the base of plants.
- Although chemical fertilizers and pesticides green our lawns and expel unwanted pests, they can also be harmful to all those microorganisms, which are vital to maintaining healthy soil. Prior to applying any fertilizer, have your soil tested. Once you know which nutrients your soil is in need of, consider natural organic alternatives such as blood meal, fish bone meal, alfalfa meal, or compost. If you must fertilize, choose carefully. Look for "phosphorous-free" fertilizers and organic or "slow release" fertilizers, which are less likely to be washed into our streams and rivers when it rains. Lastly, be sure to follow all storage and use directions.

For more information on composting, mulching, organic fertilizers and soil testing, contact The Ohio State University Extension, at 216-429-8200, or go to www.cuyahoga.osu.edu. To learn more about your watershed, visit the Tinker's Creek Watershed website at www.tinkerscreekwatershed.org.

NOPEC Negotiates with FirstEnergy Solutions

The Village participates in NOPEC, which is a public energy buying group authorized by our voters several year ago. NOPEC officials negotiate rates for both electric and gas service in the hopes that by joining with other communities in Northeast Ohio, they can allow residents to receive lower utility rates than one community can get on their own.

Last month, you received a letter from NOPEC about a new offer for electric service from FirstEnergy Solutions. You are automatically enrolled unless you send in the "Opt-out" form or enrolled in a different NOPEC product. This new program will allow you to receive a 4% discount off your electric bill.

The Ohio Public Utilities Commission maintains a comparison chart on their website to allow you to compare the best rates for your home. You can access this chart on their website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>

For more information about NOPEC, go to their website at www.nopec.org or call 1-800-292-9284.

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Summer Concert Series

The Recreation Committee is busy planning the Summer Concerts series for the Village. In the past, these concerts have been very successful and a great way to connect with your neighbors and friends. The first concert is scheduled for June 8th. More details and the full schedule will be posted on our website and will be in the next Newsletter.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Council Meetings

April 2nd-7:30 pm; April 16th-7:30 pm

May 7th-7:30 pm; May 21st-7:30 pm

Architectural Board & Planning

Commission:

April 9th-5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

May 14th-5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

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A&S Animal Control

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, call the Glenwillow Police Department 440-232-8787 | 9am-4pm

AFTER HOURS, for emergencies only, call the Solon Police Department non-emergency at 440-349-1234